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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

8. Claims 3, 9, 28, 30-31, 33-37 and 40-43 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In regard to claims 28, 33, 40 and 42 and thereby the claims dependent therefrom, and as discussed supra, the description of the first fastening component is unclear, e.g. what is “oriented nonwoven loop material”? When is the claimed orientation taking place? Therefore, is the definition of the “oriented nonwoven loop material” and the claimed orientation one and the same? Different?

9. Claims 3, 9, 28, 30-31, 33-37 and 40-43 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. See the claim terminology “oriented nonwoven loop material” and the discussion in paragraph 8 supra. Also, if Applicant is claiming that the oriented loop material of the fastener is further oriented, rather than the orientable material having been oriented, i.e. the underlined language in claims 28 and 33 and lines 4-8 of claims 40 and 42, there also does not appear to be support for such, especially with regard to the elected species in which the loop material is connected to an inelastic substrate.